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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: J. Parkin

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In the application of:

George H. LOWELL, et al.

Serial No.: 09/214,701

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office action dated August 28, 2001. This extension will extend the time the response is due from November 28, 2001 to December 28, 2001.

- A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.
- Charge \$110.00 to <u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. 406462000200.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to 01/14/2002 TBESHAH1 00000099 031952 09214701

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<u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. <u>406462000200</u>. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 21, 2001

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